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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Yukihiro MATSUMOTO et al.

Serial No.: 09/883,266

Filed: June 19, 2001

For: PRODUCTION PROCESS FOR WATER-
ABSORBENT RESIN

Group Art Unit: 1713

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the October 15, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4 and 8 as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) A process for producing a water-absorbent resin, which comprises the step of polymerizing at least one monomer component including acrylic acid and/or its salt as major components to produce a water-absorbent resin that is a neutralized salt, wherein the acrylic acid is a product obtained by catalytic gas phase oxidation of propylene and/or propane and where the acrylic acid has a protoanemonin content that is reduced to not more than 10 ppm, and in that the resultant water-absorbent resin has a neutralization of not less than 50 mol%.



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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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